

This Washington Post-Schar School poll was conducted June 27-July 2, 2018 among a sample of 1,473 adults interviewed through the AmeriSpeak Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago. Interviews were conducted online and by landline and cellular phones. The survey oversampled adults in competitive congressional districts totaling 865 interviews, in addition to 608 interviews with adults in non-battleground districts. The margin of error for overall results is plus or minus five percentage points. The national sample weighted adults in battleground districts to their actual share of the U.S. adult population.

(See full methodological details and margins of error for subgroups at end)

*= less than 0.5 percent RV=Registered voters

1. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Donald Trump is handling his job as president? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/2/18	43	19	24	55	18	37	2
Battleground	42	21	21	58	16	42	1
Non-battleground	43	19	25	55	18	37	2

2. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Trump is handling each issue? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

7/2/18 - Summary table

	----- Approve -----			----- Disapprove -----			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
a. The economy	50	22	28	48	20	28	2
Battleground	51	27	24	48	19	29	1
Non-battleground	50	21	29	48	21	27	2
b. Immigration	39	19	20	59	15	44	2
Battleground	41	22	19	58	13	46	*
Non-battleground	39	18	20	59	16	44	2
c. International trade	41	16	25	57	23	35	2
Battleground	40	15	25	59	20	39	1
Non-battleground	41	16	25	57	23	34	2

3. (ASK IF REGISTERED VOTER) How important is voting in this year's midterm elections for Congress?

	Extremely	Very	Somewhat	Not too	Not at all	No opinion
7/2/18 RV	46	29	18	3	3	*
Battleground	52	27	15	4	1	0
Non-battleground	46	29	18	3	3	*

4. (ASK IF REGISTERED VOTER) If the election for the U.S. House of Representatives were being held today, who would you vote for in your congressional district? Which candidate would you lean toward?

NET LEANED VOTE PREFERENCE - REG VOTERS

	Democratic candidate	Republican candidate	No opinion
7/2/18 RV	47	37	17
Battleground	49	37	13
Non-battleground	46	36	17

5. (ASK IF REGISTERED VOTER) Which of these is the single most important issue in your vote for Congress this year?

	7/2/18 RV	Battleground	Non-battleground
The economy and jobs	24	28	23
Health care	20	21	20
Immigration	19	22	19
Gun laws	14	9	14
Taxes	8	5	9
International trade	4	5	4
Something else	10	9	11
No opinion	*	1	*

6. (ASK IF REGISTERED VOTER) If you vote in the congressional elections in 2018, will it be to...?

	Show support for Trump	Show opposition to Trump	Trump will NOT be part of decision	No opinion
7/2/18 RV	25	37	36	2
Battleground	28	34	37	1
Non-battleground	24	38	36	2

7. (ASK IF REGISTERED VOTER) In general, do you think Republicans running for Congress are...?

	Too supportive of Trump	Too critical of Trump	Striking the right balance	No opinion
7/2/18 RV	51	21	25	2
Battleground	48	18	31	2
Non-battleground	52	22	25	2

8. (ASK IF REGISTERED VOTER) In general, do you think Democrats running for Congress are...?

	Too supportive of Trump	Too critical of Trump	Striking the right balance	No opinion
7/2/18 RV	7	48	44	1
Battleground	6	55	38	1
Non-battleground	7	46	45	2

9. How would you describe the state of the nation's economy these days?

	----- Positive -----			----- Negative -----			No opinion
	NET	Excellent	Good	NET	Not so good	Poor	
7/2/18	54	6	49	45	38	8	*
Battleground	58	9	49	42	34	8	0

Non-battleground 54 5 48 46 38 7 1

10. Regardless of what you think of the President personally, do you think Trump is doing more to (protect) or (damage) important American values?

	Protect	Damage	Neither	No opinion
7/2/18	37	48	14	*
Battleground	35	50	13	1
Non-battleground	37	48	14	*

11. In general, how much of the time do you think Trump tells the truth?

	- All/Most of the time --			- Only some/Hardly ever --			No opinion
	NET	All of the time	Most of the time	NET	Only some of the time	Hardly ever	
7/2/18	32	4	28	68	31	36	*
Battleground	33	5	28	66	32	35	*
Non-battleground	32	4	28	68	31	37	*

On another subject...

12. Who do you trust to do a better job handling each of the following - (Trump) or (Democrats in Congress)?

7/2/18 - Summary table

	Trump	Democrats in Congress	Both equally	Neither	No opin.
a. Immigration overall	30	38	7	24	1
Battleground	33	36	7	22	1
Non-battleground	29	39	7	24	1
b. Border security	37	27	11	23	2
Battleground	42	25	10	22	1
Non-battleground	36	27	11	24	2
c. Undocumented immigrants currently living in the U.S.	32	34	9	25	1
Battleground	33	34	8	24	1
Non-battleground	31	34	9	25	1
d. Ensuring immigration doesn't hurt American workers	32	27	14	26	1
Battleground	37	21	13	27	2
Non-battleground	31	27	15	26	1
e. Ensuring the U.S. attracts the best and brightest immigrants	23	27	12	36	2
Battleground	25	25	11	37	1
Non-battleground	23	27	12	36	2

13. Do you think the United States is or is not doing enough to keep illegal immigrants from coming into this country? Do you feel that strongly, or somewhat?

	----- Doing enough -----			--- Not doing enough ---			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/2/18	51	19	31	46	24	22	3
Battleground	46	15	31	52	28	24	1
Non-battleground	51	20	31	45	24	22	4

Trend for comparison:

On another subject, do you think the United States is or is not doing enough to keep illegal immigrants from coming into this country? Do you feel that way strongly or somewhat?

	----- Doing enough -----			--- Not doing enough ----			No
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	opinion
6/6/10*	23	10	13	75	17	58	2
4/24/09	23	11	12	74	15	59	3
4/15/07	17	8	10	81	18	63	2
5/14/06	20	9	11	77	19	58	4
4/9/06	21	7	14	75	19	56	4
12/18/05	20	8	12	79	20	59	2
8/28/05	19	11	9	80	18	62	1
1/16/05	20	9	11	77	18	58	4

*Washington Post-ABC News

14. Some people have called the United States "a nation of immigrants" - do you think welcoming immigrants has been (mainly good) or (mainly bad) for the country, or has this been about equally good and bad?

	Mainly good	Mainly bad	Equally good and bad	No opinion
7/2/18	48	11	40	1
Battleground	48	14	38	*
Non-battleground	48	10	40	1

15. These days, do you think the U.S. has gone too far in welcoming immigrants, not gone far enough, or has it struck the right balance?

	Gone too far	Not gone far enough	Struck the right balance	No opinion
7/2/18	33	34	30	3
Battleground	40	29	29	2
Non-battleground	32	35	30	3

16. Would you support or oppose each of the following?

a. A path to legal status for undocumented immigrants living in the U.S. who pass a background check

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
7/2/18	81	17	2
Battleground	82	18	*
Non-battleground	81	17	2

b. Building a wall along the U.S. border with Mexico

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
7/2/18	42	55	3
Battleground	40	59	1
Non-battleground	42	55	3

c. Requiring employers to verify that all new hires are living in the U.S. legally

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
7/2/18	78	20	3
Battleground	83	16	1
Non-battleground	77	20	3

d. Increasing funding for border security programs

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
7/2/18	65	32	3
Battleground	71	28	1
Non-battleground	65	32	3

e. Significantly reducing legal immigration by limiting the ability of U.S. citizens to bring parents and siblings here

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
7/2/18	36	61	3
Battleground	35	64	1
Non-battleground	37	60	3

17. Do you support or oppose a program that allows undocumented immigrants to stay in the United States if they arrived here as a child, completed high school or military service and have not been convicted of a serious crime?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
7/2/18	84	16	1
Battleground	86	13	1
Non-battleground	83	16	1

18. Do you support or oppose a recent Trump administration policy that separated immigrant children from their parents when the parent was accused of entering the U.S. illegally across the southern border? Do you feel that way strongly, or somewhat?

	Support			Oppose			No opinion
	NET	Strongly	Somewhat	NET	Somewhat	Strongly	
7/2/18	29	11	18	69	16	53	2
Battleground	31	12	19	68	15	54	1
Non-battleground	28	10	18	69	16	53	2

19. Do you support or oppose Trump's decision to reverse the policy of separating immigrant children from parents when they are accused of entering the U.S. illegally across the southern border?

	Support	Oppose	No opinion
7/2/18	75	22	3
Battleground	77	22	1
Non-battleground	75	22	3

20. Who do you think is more to blame for immigrant children being separated from their parents?

	The Trump administration	Migrants trying to enter the U.S. illegally	Both equally	No opinion
7/2/18	37	35	25	3
Battleground	33	38	27	1
Non-battleground	38	35	24	3

21. How bothered were you, if at all, by photos and stories about children being separated from their parents and held in detention centers?

	Bothered		Not bothered		No opinion
	NET	A lot	NET	Not much	
		Some		Not at all	

7/2/18	74	48	26	24	13	10	2
Battleground	72	47	25	27	14	13	1
Non-battleground	75	49	26	23	13	10	2

22. Going forward, what would you prefer to happen to families accused of crossing the border illegally until their immigration case is resolved?

	Hold families together in a detention facility	Temporarily release families until a deportation court hearing	No opinion
7/2/18	58	39	3
Battleground	60	38	1
Non-battleground	58	39	3

23. What do you think is the biggest reason most people enter the U.S. illegally through the southern border?

	Fleeing danger in their home country	Looking for better-paying jobs	As part of the drug trade or gangs	Other reasons	No opinion
7/2/18	39	40	6	13	2
Battleground	40	39	8	12	*
Non-battleground	38	40	5	14	2

On a different issue...

24. Do you approve or disapprove of the way U.S. Justice Department special counsel Robert Mueller is handling the investigation into possible ties between Trump's presidential campaign and the Russian government?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
7/2/18	49	45	5
Battleground	50	46	4
Non-battleground	49	45	6

Compare to:

A special counsel at the U.S. Justice Department, Robert Mueller, has been investigating possible ties between Trump's presidential campaign and the Russian government. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Mueller is handling this investigation?

	Approve	Disapprove	No opinion
1/18/18*	50	31	19
11/1/17	58	28	14

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25. Do you think the question of whether Trump's campaign colluded with Russian efforts to influence the 2016 election is a (serious issue), or is it (more of a distraction)?

	Serious issue	More of a distraction	No opinion
7/2/18	48	48	3
Battleground	49	50	1
Non-battleground	48	48	3

26. Do you think the United States' long-term trading partners have mainly (taken advantage of) the U.S. or (traded fairly with) the U.S.?

	Taken advantage of the U.S.	Traded fairly with the U.S.	No opinion
7/2/18	52	43	5
Battleground	56	41	2
Non-battleground	51	44	5

27. Trump announced plans to impose taxes known as tariffs on some goods that are imported to the United States. China has responded by announcing tariffs on some U.S. goods sold in China. Do you think this situation will be good or bad for each of the following?

	Good	Bad	No opinion
a. Jobs in the United States	39	56	4
Battleground	42	57	1
Non-battleground	39	56	5
b. The cost of products in the United States	22	74	4
Battleground	20	78	1
Non-battleground	22	74	4

28. Generally speaking, do you usually think of yourself as:

	Democrat	Republican	Independent	Other	No opinion
7/2/18	33	25	32	7	3
Battleground	31	26	36	7	1
Non-battleground	33	25	32	7	3

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METHODOLOGICAL DETAILS

This poll was jointly sponsored and funded by The Washington Post and the Schar School for Policy and Government at George Mason University. The web and phone poll is a random sample of adults in the United States, with interviews in English and Spanish.

This questionnaire was administered with the exact questions in the exact order as they appear in this document. Demographic questions are not shown. If a question was asked of a reduced base of the sample, a parenthetical preceding the question identifies the group asked. Phrases surrounded by parentheses within questions indicate clauses that were randomly rotated for respondents.

Respondents were drawn from a stratified random sample of the AmeriSpeak Panel, the probability-based panel of NORC at the University of Chicago. The sample was stratified by age, race/ethnicity, gender and education. The survey oversampled panelists who live in a congressional district classified by the Cook Political Report as "tossup" or "leaning" toward one party as of June 20; respondents in such districts were weighted back to their actual share of the U.S. adult population. A total of 1,473 interviews were completed, including 1,274 self-administered over the internet and 199 administered by a professional interviewer over landline or cellular phone.

The AmeriSpeak panel was built through a nationally representative probability sample of U.S. households using mail, telephone and face-to-face recruitment methods. Panel members are permitted to complete surveys using an internet device or by phone. Additional technical details about AmeriSpeak survey methodology is available at www.norc.org.

This survey uses statistical weighting procedures to account for features of the AmeriSpeak panel sample design, efforts to recruit initially nonresponding households and to match population demographic benchmarks according to the Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The Post-Schar School sample was weighted to adjust for nonresponse, as well as to match population benchmarks for age, gender, education, race/ethnicity and Census Division according to the Current Population Survey.

All error margins have been adjusted to account for the survey's design effect, which is 3.5 for the overall survey; 1.9 for the battleground district sample and 1.9 for the non-battleground district. The design effect is a factor representing the survey's deviation from a simple random sample, and takes into account decreases in precision due to sample design and weighting procedures. Surveys that do not incorporate a design effect overstate their precision.

	--- Sample size ---		-- Error margin ---	
	Adults	Reg voters	Adults	Reg voters
Total U.S. sample	1,473	1,302	5	5 +/- points
Battleground districts	865	774	4.5	5
Non-battleground districts	608	528	5.5	6

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